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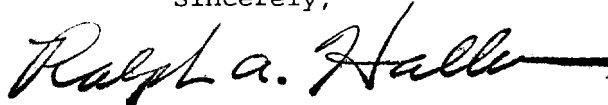
Dear Senator Stevens:

This is in reply to your letter of February 23, 1993, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Robert Baker. Mr. Baker has provided you with a copy of the comments that he filed in PR Docket. No. 92-154. The Notice of Proposed Rule Making in that proceeding proposes to amend the amateur service rules to include the responsibility for the preparation and administration of Novice Class operator license examinations under the volunteer-examiner coordinator (VEC) system.

Mr. Baker's comments in the proceeding were timely filed on October 8, 1993. Inasmuch as the subject docket is pending before the Commission, it would not be appropriate to discuss the merits of Mr. Baker's comments. Please be assured that Mr. Baker's comments will be fully considered by the Commission before final action is taken.

I trust that this reply is responsive to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

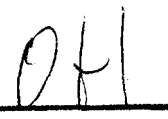


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February 23, 1993

Linda Townsend Solheim
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Robert Baker regarding his support for amending PR Docket #92-154 as proposed by Mr. Roger Hansen.

I hope that the Federal Communications Commission will take the points raised by Mr. Baker into account when reviewing the public comments on PR Docket #92-154. In addition, I would appreciate receiving a response to Mr. Baker's to specific concerns.

Thanks for your help.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

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Enclosure

October 3, 1992

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commission Members:

SUBJECT: PR Docket No. 92-154; Proposed Novice Class Examination
Rule Change

The proposed Novice Class examination rule change specified in PR Docket No. 92-154 is endorsed for population centers in Alaska such as Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau but is not considered practical, just, or in our national best interests for the remote communities of this state. It is, therefore, requested that the Commission recognize the special circumstances existing in Alaska and amend PR Docket No. 92-154 accordingly.

The proposal has been extensively discussed with the head of the VEC program in Anchorage, Roger Hansen (KL7HFQ) and other senior members of the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club (AARC) including the President, Fred Wegner (KL7HFM), and two license training instructors, Rick Marvin (KL7YF) and Lil Marvin (NL7DL) who are also AARC board members. My son, Robert O. Baker, Jr., NL7UQ, has asked me to include his concurrence with this letter as his responsibilities as a Ph.D. in molecular cell biology at the University of Arizona preclude an individual response in the time remaining. He too is a long time Alaskan resident.

The VEC program administered by KL7HFQ is a professional, 'by the book', and efficient operation for which Mr. Hansen is to most highly commended. It was under his program that I received my Novice, Technician, and General Class licenses. He is without contest the foremost authority on FCC examining conditions in Alaska and I echo his comments to the Commission as a 16 year Alaskan resident with somewhat extensive travel throughout this huge state. My 60 odd years have clearly demonstrated that conditions in Alaska are unlike those anywhere else in the United States having lived in ten states and visited the other 40 during a 22 year military career.

Response time precludes appending a copy of Mr. Hansen's comments to this letter. Accordingly, it is requested that the Commission append a copy of his recent letter on this topic to our letter.

Please note that amateur radio is not only a wonderful hobby in Alaska but an essential element of life here. The Emergency Coordinator for the

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